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MINISTRY FUNDAMENTALS SYLLABUS

Level 4

(NON-NCFE SUBJECT)

Subject: MINISTRY FUNDAMENTALS

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Units: 9 (1unit = 90 min.)

SUBJECT DESCRIPTION:

In this course we consider ministry from the principles we see in the New Testament and we compare this with the practice of ministry in the Church around the world today. As the lecturer I bring my own experience of 40 years as a practicing Pastor/leader of a church. This knowledge is applied to all the subjects listed below.

Only a small number of students come to the college with a definite sense of a calling to a specific ministry but many of the principles we look at apply to all ministries. Whether a person is going to be an apostle/church planter, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher, elder, children's worker, Sunday school teacher, youth leader, church administrator, Christian counsellor or social worker or simply a witness for Jesus in the workplace, an awareness of the principles underlying the work of the ministry is essential for all effective Christian service.

Students are encouraged to participate fully in workshops, discussion, to read other points of view from books in the library and to ask as many questions as they like.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The learner will:

1. Recognise the personal attributes and requirements for someone in ministry.

The learner can:

- 1.1. Identify his/her own gifts and talents.
- 1.2. Specify his/her own sense of calling and direction.
- 1.3. Analyse his/her own character and shortcomings.

The learner will:

2. Identify the qualities of a shepherd and how that relates to all ministry.

The learner can:

- 2.1. Discuss the requirements of servanthood and example needed in leadership.

The learner will:

3. Look at relationships in connection with life and ministry.

The learner can:

3.1 Differentiate the dynamics of healthy relationships in ministry.

The learner will:

4. Consider the spiritual and practical secrets of effective communication through preaching/teaching.

The learner can:

4.1 Practice the process of preparing to preach/teach.

4.2 Analyse how to communicate effectively.

4.3 Achieve the purpose and goal of preaching/teaching.

The learner will:

5. Discover how to study conceptually

The learner can:

5.1 Apply this method to their study of scripture passages in order to communicate clearly in their teaching and preaching.

The learner will:

6. Recognise the need of how to be an effective administrator.

The learner can:

6.1 Express the knowledge of how to manage time and paper work efficiently.

The learner will:

8. Discover how to be a good listener.

The learner can:

8.1 Exercise a good listening technique.

The learner will:

9. Consider how to motivate others in a healthy unmanipulative way.

The learner can:

9.1 Demonstrate the knowledge of how to recognise gifts in others and release them to fulfil their ministries.

SUBJECT UNITS & ASSIGNMENTS:

- Unit 1 The Minister as a Person**
- Unit 2 The Minister is a Shepherd**
- Unit 3 The Minister's Relationships**
- Unit 4 The Minister as a Preacher/Teacher**
- Unit 5 The Minister's ongoing Study**
- Unit 6 Conceptual Study Workshop**
- Unit 7 The Minister as an Administrator**
- Unit 8 The Minister as a Listener**
- Unit 9 The Minister as a Motivator**

RANGE:

Church	Universal body of Christians, believing in salvation through Jesus Christ alone.
Ministry	Servant-heartedness, Pastoral care
Character	Standards of maturity and spirituality
Leadership	Within a range of ministerial situations but especially Pastoral
National situation	The International Bible Training Institute, being an international college, students may come from different nation states.

RECOMMENDED READING:

- The Bible especially the New Testament
- Campbell, A.V., Rediscovering Pastoral Care, London, Darton, Longman & Todd, 1981
- Cook J. Love Acceptance and Forgiveness, Bethany House, 2009
- Croft B. The Pastor's Ministry Zondervan 2015
- Finney, C.G., Lectures on Pastoral Theology an online resource:
http://www.gospeltruth.net/1872_75pastoral_theology/indexunpub.htm
- Fisher D, The 21st Century Pastor, Zondervan, 1996
- Hughes, J., The Pastor's Notebook, Eastbourne, Kingsway, 2003
- Lancaster, J., Pastor's Casebook, Cheltenham, Elim, 1978
- Lartey, E.Y., Pastoral Theology in an Intercultural World, Epworth Press, 2006
- Lyall, D., Integrity of Pastoral Care, SPCK, 2001
- Murphy, J & C., An International Minister's Manual, San Diego, Hundredfold Press
- Watson T & F., The Pastoral Ministry, Fourstreams 1997
- White, A Guide to Pastoral Care, London, Pickering & Inglis, 1976

Plus there are other books on Ministry in the Library